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Subject: RE: !AGENDA! Consultation on Re-issuance of NPDES General Permit for Oil & Gas Exploration in Cook Inlet Federal Waters- Tue Feb 5th- Anchorage, AK
Attachments: Tribal 2012 120412.pdf; Cook Inlet Draft FS G2G.docx; Cook Inlet PRE-DRAFT 11-26-12.docx

Hi Lisa! The draft permit and draft fact sheet are attached here. Thanks again for your interest and input. Katherine

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Subject: !INVITATION! Consultation on Re-issuance of NPDES General Permit for Oil & Gas Exploration Discharges in Cook Inlet- Teleconferences for Tribal Reps Thursday Dec 13 @ 1:00pm AK / Tuesday Dec 18 @ 9:00am AK

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Greetings All!

The letter attached below is a new invitation for consultation on re-issuance of National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) General Permit for Oil and Gas exploration activities in Cook Inlet, Alaska. The letter was mailed to tribal leaders December 4, 2012. Also attached are a draft Fact Sheet and the preliminary draft permit for comment.

EPA will hold informational teleconferences for interested representatives of Cook Inlet Tribal Governments this Thursday December 13 at 1:00pm and next Tuesday, December 18 at 9am Alaska time. The call in number is 866-299-3188, and the conference code is 907-271-5083#. Please let Project Lead Cindi Godsey know as soon as possible if you or any other representatives plan to participate.

Summary

The 2007 NPDES General Permit (2007 GP) for Oil and Gas Facilities in Cook Inlet (AKG-31-5000) expired on July 2, 2012. The 2007 GP covered exploration discharges in state and federal waters, and existing production facilities discharges in state waters. Existing dischargers that reapply in a timely manner continue to have permit coverage now that the Cook Inlet General Permit has expired. EPA plans to reissue only the exploration components of the Cook Inlet General Permit for federal waters. The State of Alaska was authorized to administer the Alaska Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (APDES) for oil and gas in October 2012, so future issuance and administration of the exploration and existing production facility permits for state waters will be by the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC). EPA intends to propose an exploration general permit for federal waters in conjunction with a state general permit for state waters.

EPA has requested that comments on these documents be submitted by the end of December 2012 to Cindi Godsey at godsey.cindi@epa.gov. Any questions about the draft permit or this process should be directed to Cindy at godsey.cindi@epa.gov or (907) 271-6561 . Requests for formal consultation should be directed to Mike Lidgard at lidgard.michael@epa.gov or (206) 553-1755.

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